



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/718,659 Confirmation No. 1165
Applicant : M. AOKI et al
Filed : November 24, 2003
Title : METHOD OF HANDLING A STRUCTURE AND
EQUIPMENT OF HANDLING THE SAME
TC/AU : 3641
Examiner : J.A. Richardson
Docket No. : NIP-278-02
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a two-month Extension of Time, to and including April 19, 2005, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 19, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of **\$450.00** is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

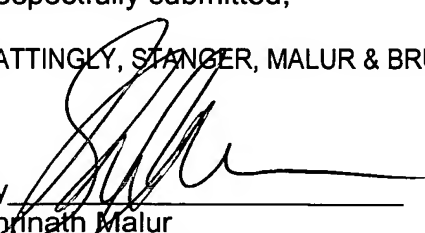
Respectfully submitted,

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